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## A PAIR FOR BLUE STONE BLANKETS.

A general knock down in prices all along the line. Buggies and Sarreys at cost for the next 30 days. Three months' credit with approved security, will be given on all goods, including Harness and Sleighs during the time. We have a few Fur Robes left that defy competition. Our Flexible Wire Horse Brush will wear longer than any brush on the market.

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## THE INSURGENTS AHEAD.

Spanish Troops Wholly Unable to Cope with Them.

### ATTACKING INTERIOR TOWNS.

It is evident that the plan of campaign of the Cuban Patriots is not an immediate attack on the strongly garrisoned capital. Refugees fleeing to Havana.

HAVANA, Jan. 7.—Little news is received in this city regarding the movements of either the Spanish or Cuban forces, the lines of communication being cut in every direction out of Havana. Enough is reported from points in the provinces of Pinar del Rio, however, to show that the insurgents have covered a wide territory in that province and are unceasingly destroying the sugar cane and damaging the tobacco crop. At Cabanas, a seaport town of considerable importance on the northern coast, the insurgents have destroyed the lighthouse.

The destruction of Guira Melena seems to have been complete. Guira Melena is an important village of 4,000 inhabitants situated in a fertile district. The report from there said that the insurgents plundered the church, the business houses, the



MAXIMO GOMEZ.

stores and private residences, and then destroyed them entirely. They are also said to have killed the mayor and a prominent merchant of the place. Similar tales come from other towns in the route of the insurgents' march. Guara, a small village east of Guira Melena and west of Guines, was also burned.

The mayor of the village of San Felipe is said, was intent upon offering a vigorous resistance to the invasion of his town by the insurgents. The mayor's temerity caused much surprise to Maximo Gomez, and his forces set about to burn the village. The citizens went to the mayor with a request that he offer no resistance to Gomez, and thereupon, says the report, he desisted.

The zone included in the country about the villages of Quivicán, Duran and San Felipe in the southern part of the province of Havana, has been swept clean by the destructive touch of the insurgents, and the plantations of Salvador, Julia, San Augustin, Santa Teresa, Mercedita, Mora and Miroso have been burned.

Incoming trains from the south are bringing in vast throngs of refugees, men, women and children, some of whom have been burned out of house and home, but most of whom are simply fleeing from fear of violence, having hastily gathered together a few household goods. This large infusion of panic stricken people into the city's population spreads a contagion of alarm, and the force and proximity of the insurrection becomes more real to the mind of Havana every hour.

Saturday night a torpedo was exploded in front of the Corona cigar manufactory in the city. No one was hurt, and the fire that resulted was extinguished without much damage, but the incident has a sinister look and is a tangible expression of a threat that even the most hopeful citizens fear, and that is an outbreak in the city of disaffected elements in case the insurgents should come within reach of an effort at co-operating in such an attempt.

Loud disclaimers are being uttered by the authorities here that they have any fear for the welfare of the city. It is pointed out that the city is well fortified, being protected by the strong fortress Morro, and being garrisoned by the Cabannes, Principe, Alares, Santa Clara and Relva troops, with heavy artillery, and by 20,000 volunteers, with 40,000 most loyal citizens in the city willing to take arms. With these forces at command the authorities express the opinion with great confidence that it would be impossible for the insurgents to capture the city unless they were provided with siege artillery.

It is claimed that only small bands of insurgents are engaged in the operations under Gomez, and that they are successful only in small towns. The opinion again holds here that the movement of the insurgents is directed against the country

districts, and although preparations have been made here against a possible surprise, there is no present fear of an attack.

### Counterfeiter Caught in the Act.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 7.—James W. Blake who says he has been a railroad man all his life, was captured in a room on Pine street yesterday afternoon just as he was preparing to begin a job of counterfeiting. United States Marshal Lynch and Deputy Quayle came upon him as he was in the act of melting the metal, and captured a set of plaster of paris molds for silver dollars and other implements. He was held for trial on May 1. The officers say he is probably a member of a gang.

### Investigating St. Louis' Fatal Fire.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 7.—A large number of witnesses were examined yesterday by Coroner Wait, who commenced the inquiry over the victims of the recent explosion in which seven lives were lost and \$10,000 worth of property destroyed. The consensus of opinion was that the explosion was caused by fire, but nobody seems to know how it started. Coroner Wait adjured the inquest, to enable the city chemist to examine the cannon crackers found in the wreck.

### Oklahoma's Bid for Statehood.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 7.—The statehood convention meets at Oklahoma City tomorrow, and will be one of the largest and most interesting ever held in Oklahoma. The Democrats will fight for single statehood, while the Republicans will probably endorse Dugdale Flynn's recent bill. It looks now as if the Democrats have captured the delegates from Oklahoma for single statehood.

### The Demand for the Bonds.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The World says: In response to an inquiry sent out by The World the national banks of the smaller cities and towns of the country, within ten hours, pledged themselves to take over \$15,000,000 of government bonds upon a 3 per cent basis. In addition hundreds of banks declared their desire to subscribe, but were unable to name any particular amount. It cannot be doubted that these banks represent at least another \$15,000,000. This means practically the payment of about 117 or 118 for the bonds.

### The Explosion of Naphtia.

BROOKLYN, Jan. 7.—Yesterday afternoon there were two explosions of naphtia at the United States and Canada Beeswax company's works at Monroe and Johnson avenues. There were eleven men at work in the room where the accident occurred. One man was instantly killed and three others, Superintendent Parker and two brothers named Miller, were severely injured. After the first explosion flames burst forth, and at the second crash the roof was blown off and the entire building badly wrecked.

### Boiled to Death in Guat.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7.—George William, 19 years old, employed at the glue works of Delaney & Co., on Broadhead street, fell into a vat of boiling glue yesterday, and died results. It was with the greatest difficulty that the corpse was removed from the sticky material, where it would soon have been boiled into small fragments. The body then was almost beyond recognition, and it required great care on the part of the men to prevent the corpse from being dismembered through handling.

### In the Hands of a Receiver.

TRENTON, Jan. 7.—Vice Chancellor Reed has appointed John Thompson receiver of the Brigantine Transit company, a trolley road from Atlantic City to Brigantine Beach. The liabilities are given at \$172,000 and the assets at \$300,000. J. Rush Ritter, who was involved in the recent failure of the Sothebys' Loan and Trust company, of Philadephia, of which he was real estate officer, was president of the Transit company.

### A Jealous Husband's Double Crime.

SCOTTSDALE, Ind., Jan. 7.—There was a terrible tragedy yesterday at Little York, eight miles west of here. Walter Coombs shot his wife through the bowels, she living but fifteen minutes. Coombs then shot himself below the heart. He is still alive, and begs for some one to kill him. The two children of the couple are absent at school. Mrs. Coombs was a highly respected woman and there was no cause save jealousy.

### Big Bluff by a Clever Forger.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—A forger, who is thought to be a New York expert, has just looted the Nevada bank of \$2,000, and fled with the coin without leaving a clew by which the detectives can track him. He had for some time been doing a brokerage business in the Chronicle building under the name of A. A. Holmes, and deposited at the Nevada bank, where he is well known. On Dec. 14 he presented a check for \$2,000 on the Crocker Woolworth bank, of this city. He took \$2,000 in coin and left the balance on deposit. It now transpires that the check was originally for \$12, having been "raised" to \$2,000.

### A CONSPIRACY TO MURDER.

Gao Man Was to Take Part for Twenty Dollars.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—William J. Weber, formerly paymaster of the Chicago and Northwestern railway in St. Paul, and recently acting secretary and treasurer of the Kilmor Bale Tie company of this city, is, with his brother, Gus Weber, under arrest on a charge of conspiring to commit murder. The intended victim of the Webers was E. V. Hamlin, the secretary and treasurer of the Bale Tie company. Hamlin, it is stated, secured Weber the place in St. Paul, and when his own health gave way from over work, had Weber brought here to fill his position while he was away on a vacation.

Weber filled Hamlin's position with the Bale Tie company for nine months, and did so well that he was promised the place permanently if Mr. Hamlin did not return. The latter did return, however, and Weber was provided with another position. But this angered him, and in order to again secure Hamlin's place he, it is charged, proposed to his brother that Hamlin be put out of the way. Gus Weber agreed and was provided with weapons with which to do the work.

Last Thursday night Gus Weber and a man named Richard Maloney, who had agreed to assist in the murder for \$20, followed Hamlin as he left his office, intending to murder him at the first opportunity. Their intended victim was with a crowd of his friends, however, and the murder was postponed until Saturday night. At that time Maloney weakened and told a friend, who carried the tale to the police, and the Webers were arrested. Gus promptly confessed.

### Premier Bowell Will Not Retire.

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—A cabinet meeting was held yesterday by the premier, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, and the six remaining members of the ministry, at which it was decided to fill immediately the places in the cabinet made vacant by the resignations of Messrs. Foster, Wood, Tupper, Dickie, Ives, Montague and Haggart. It is understood that Hon. W. J. Pugsley, provincial secretary in the New Brunswick legislature, will be appointed to succeed Hon. G. E. Foster as minister of finance, and Col. Jas. Tisdale, of South Norfolk, O. S., will take the portfolio held by Dr. Montague. Hon. Peter White, at present speaker of the house of commons, may succeed Hon. John Haggart as minister of railways and canals. Colonel Baker, of Mississiquoi, has, it is stated, been offered the cabinet position vacated by Hon. W. B. Ives, who was the representative in the ministry of the English speaking minority in the province of Quebec.

### A New Record for Syracuse.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Central New York suffered the lowest temperature in its experience yesterday. In the central portions of this city the thermometers agreed at about 32 below zero. On College hill, where Syracuse university is located, the mercury touched 36 below, and one or two reports have indicated 38 below. All through this section about the same temperature prevailed, and much suffering has been experienced.

### A Prisoner's Terrible Crime.

CAIRO, Ill., Jan. 7.—Henry Dickson, a sneak thief and burglar now confined in jail here, cut a fellow prisoner, Charles Wilson, colored, across the abdomen, the knife penetratting through to the spine. Afterwards he cut off a portion of the intestines, rolled it in a paper and handed it to Assistant Jailer Irvin when the latter came to the cell. His victim cannot live. Wilson had betrayed a plan of Dickson and other prisoners to escape.

### Ezeta's Expedition to Salvador.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The Herald's correspondent in San Salvador telegraphs that the Brackell Golden, with General Ezeta's expedition on board, is cruising between La Libertad and Acapulco, waiting for an opportunity to land and precipitate a revolution. In view of this fact, President Guzman is raising an army and placing it on a war footing. Recruiting is the order of the day throughout the republic.

### Kentucky's Republican Rulers.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 7.—The administration of state affairs passed into Republicans hands yesterday. The house and senate Democrats held their caucuses last night, nominating full lists of officers for both branches. A. J. Carroll for speaker heads the house slate, while Senator W. W. Goebel was chosen for president pro tem. of the upper branch.

### The Utah Senatorships.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 7.—Pursuant to the proclamation of Governor Wells the legislature convened in extra session at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. After organizing by the election of the caucus nominees of the Republican party adjournment was taken until today. The balloting for United States senator will begin about Jan. 21.

### British Bluff and Bluster.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—The Times in an editorial this morning again reminds the United States that "whether we have troubles in Europe and Africa or not, we will not yield on the Venezuelan question. We have insulted nobody, but if we are compelled to fight we shall be ready to guard what is worth fighting for."

### NUGGETS OF NEWS.

Richard Croker, the ex-Tammany leader of New York, declares that he is out of politics.

United States Senator and Mrs. Wolcott, of Colorado, arrived at New York from France yesterday.

Saloon men of Kansas City, Mo., are forming an organization to fight the brewers' combine.

Mrs. Michael Schafer, 54 years old, committed suicide by hanging in her home at Pittsburgh, while temporarily insane.

Rufus W. Peckham was formally installed as a justice of the United States supreme court yesterday.

Governor Clarke, of Arkansas, announces his candidacy for the seat in the United States senate now held by James Jones.

## FOUR CRUSHED TO DEATH

Another Terrible Accident at the Luke Fidler Mine.

### MANGLED BEYOND RECOGNITION.

A "Billy" Weighing a Thousand Pounds Crushed Down on the Men as They Were Being Lowered to Their Work, Instantly Crushing Out Their Lives.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Jan. 7.—While four workmen were being lowered into the shaft of the Luke Fidler mine the "billy," which balances the elevator, and which weighs about 1,000 pounds, fell upon them without warning. They were instantly killed, their bodies being crushed so horribly as to make them unrecognizable. The victims were: James Merritt, aged 25 years, leaves widow and one child; Stephen Merritt, aged 28, leaves widow and one child; Patrick Lynch, aged 33, single; Peter Boert, aged 23, leaves widow and one child. All resided at Springfield, Pa.

The men were engaged in sinking the new shaft, and were hoisted to the top to eat breakfast. An hour later the two Merritts, Lynch and Boert stepped into the shaft bucket and were being lowered into the workings, but when the bucket had descended about 80 feet Engineer Brown noticed a jarring of the rope and immediately stopped the machinery. The workmen on top found that the bucket was no longer attached to the wire rope, and they rigged up another bucket and were slowly lowered to the bottom of the shaft, where they found the other bucket splintered and the mangled and bleeding remains of their four ill fated comrades scattered over the rocky floor.

All of the poor fellows were dead. The shaft bucket in which the four men met their sudden death was guided in its upward and downward journeys by big cross-pieces and arms, known as the "billy," and weighing half a ton. The wire rope passed through this "billy," and it is supposed that ice formed on the rope while the workmen were eating their meal. The bucket passed the ice in safety, but the "billy" was caught by it, and the bucket had descended several hundred feet before the heavy weight caused the ice to give way and allowed the "billy" to fall upon the men who were in the bucket. It is not thought that they were aware of their danger.

The colliery has been idle since Oct. 8, 1894, when the mine was set on fire by a careless workman and six lives were lost, four of the bodies not being recovered for nearly a year. Boert was a brother of one of the victims of the former disaster.

### Frigid Weather in New England.

BOSTON, Jan. 7.—The mercury is after the record in this city. Yesterday it fell to 19 degrees below zero, the lowest record made at the signal station since 1880. Neighboring places suffered more severely. At Hyde Park and Beverly Farms it was 14 below, and at Concord, Mass., 12 below. Reports from all over New England show a fall in temperature to between 10 and 18 degs. below zero. Many places in northern New England and the lower provinces report the temperature from 20 to 30 below. In this city theaters were all busy yesterday attending to cases of frost bite.

### Two Killed While Fighting Fire.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Five causalities, two of two lives, the injury of one man and the destruction of two dwelling houses, with their contents, at Webster, Ill., a suburb of this city, took place yesterday. Number of men were caught in the falling chimney of one of the dwellings and crushed. The dead are: Albert Green, carpenter, and Arthur Vieth, employee in a publishing house in Chicago.

### A Popular Writer for Boys Dead.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Colonel Thomas W. Knox, a prominent member of the Loyal club and an author of stories of travel for boys, died suddenly, aged 61. Colonel Knox was known and beloved of many as the author of the "Boy Traveler" series. He gained his title through appointment to the staff of the governor of California, though he was a brave soldier in the civil war.

### The Colorado Mine Disaster.

VERON, Colo., Jan. 7.—Up to a late hour last night none of the ten miners supposed to have been caught by the cave in at the Anna Lee mine on Saturday morning had been found by the rescuing party which had been at work since the accident. It is not thought that any of the men can now be alive.

### The Lowest in Forty Years.

ROCHESTER, Jan. 7.—The thermometer yesterday reached the lowest point in forty years, registering at 10 degs. below zero. Several of the public schools were closed, as it was impossible to keep the children warm. At Lyons the temperature was 25 below, the lowest in forty years. Canandaigua reports 23 below; Newark, 28; Genesee, 10; Weloott 21 below and Warsaw 14 below.

### Legal Fight for a Kentucky Mayoralty.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 7.—Joseph B. Simlar was sworn in as mayor yesterday, but Henry T. Duncan holds on to the office. The latter was elected in 1891, and claims the constitution gives him four years. The city charter says his term expired yesterday. Duncan has filed suit to retain office. Both are Democrats.

### Dishonest Lawyer Sent to Prison.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 7.—Lowry W. Humes, a leading lawyer and son of a distinguished ex-Confederate general, was yesterday sentenced to two years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$500 for exorbitant pension charges and other legal malpractices.

### Strikers Return to Work.

BUFFALO, Jan. 7.—The strike of the employees at the Western New York and Pennsylvania shops has been settled. The demands of the men were accepted except as to the reduction of wages, and they have returned to work.

### Held Prisoners by Indians.

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., Jan. 7.—A couple arrived from Squaw Tanks, forty-five miles northeast of here, with the news that a band of Navajo Indians had three sheep and posse left for the relief of the white men and to arrest the Indians. The trooper arises over the rights of the whites.

## FISHING IN WINTER.

A THRIVING AND PICTURESQUE INDUSTRY ON THE GREAT LAKES.

The Hardy Fisherman Chops a Hole in the Ice, Builds a Shanty Over It and Then Spears Trout and Hooks Whitefish and Pike--Dangers of the Sport.

Fishing through the ice is a sport with which every northern bred boy is familiar. On the great lakes it is not pursued as a sport, but as a business. And a very dangerous business, too, it sometimes proves to be.

About this time of year the lake fishermen are out on the ice by the thousands. Almost every big bay on the shores of Michigan's southern peninsula has its little settlement of fishermen who are out there ready to endure all hardships and face all dangers in their pursuit of the ice imprisoned whitefish, pike and trout.

In the summer time the big companies, with their steam tugs and miles of nets, flood the market with fish, and the individual fisherman has no chance

nothing supernatural in all this, and he is so accustomed to the sounds that he doesn't notice them. He knows that the groans and the crashes are but the sounds of the constant battle between the ice and the waves far out at the edge of the floe. A battle royal it is, too, but one that is seldom witnessed without danger to the spectator.

The great lakes do not, as many suppose, freeze over their entire surface. The most that the frost king can do in the severest winter is to seize in his icy grip a few miles of the shore's edge. In the great bays he has a better chance and locks them up tightly. The greater portion of these immense fresh water seas, however, are open all winter. The ice extends out from the shore perhaps three or four miles. When it stops, it throws up a rampart on which the waves break.

The war between the two elements goes on all winter. Sometimes, when the cold increases and the wind is stilled, the frost king extends his domain far out into the lake, but with the first high wind the water sends rank after rank of foaming, angry breakers, which quickly destroy the invader's outlying defenses and regain the lost territory. The advantage is followed up, and, although the whitecaps dash themselves in vain against the icy breastworks, the heavy ground swells which succeed them roll under the defenses and split the smooth fields into huge blocks, which in turn are hurled against the new outposts. In this way the lake sometimes regains a mile or more, only to lose it again when deserted by its ally, the wind.

Saginaw bay, in which the state of Delaware would make but a good sized island, is always ice locked in winter, and the straits of Mackinac, which vary in width from 8 to 20 miles, are closed for several months during each year, sometimes from December to April.

Saginaw bay is the most popular fishing ground for the ice fishermen. By the 1st of January the ice is usually two feet thick or more over the entire surface, and as soon as it is safe to do so the fishermen hurry out with their shanties. They generally keep close together, and a village of 800 shanties with from 1,000 to 1,500 inhabitants is no unusual sight.

They are hardy men, these ice fishermen. Their little communities are located often a mile or two and sometimes three miles from the shore. They are tempted farther out by the trout, and their eagerness to get big fish often leads them into danger. As a rule they try to keep inside the danger line, but it is hard to judge just how far in from the ice edge the effects of a storm will be felt.

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The house is necessary for several reasons. Often the fisherman stays out on the ice for weeks at a time, and his shanty is his temporary home. It also provides him with a needed shelter, for the wind that comes in after sweeping over miles of ice and water would be too much for any one but an Eskimo to stand. But with ever so small a fire in the stove his little shanty can be kept as warm as toast.

Another use of the tiny house is to keep out the light. This enables the fisherman to look for some distance down into the clear water. If he intends to spear lake trout, he first puts out a decoy. This is either a live minnow or a small artificial herring, which he keeps bobbing up and down. The passing trout sees it and comes up to investigate. This is a fatal move for the trout, for the fisherman has been sitting, spear in hand, waiting for a fish to appear out of the blue depths beneath. When one does, there is a flash of the spear and the water is stained with red. The captured trout is thrown out on the ice, where it quickly freezes as solid as a stick of wood. Then the fisherman refills his pipe and waits for another.

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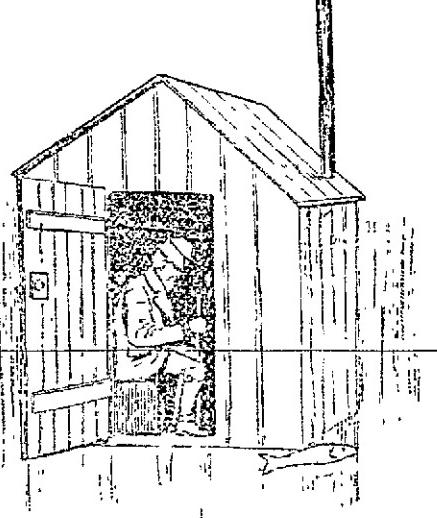
The shanties are usually well anchored when the fishing is good, for the catch is always stored outside, and the big trout, frozen hard and stiff, are piled up like cordwood. When the fisherman gets a pile big enough to make a trip to the shore with, he loads up a big sled and starts off for the nearest market. Sometimes wholesale dealers drive out and buy the trout on the ice.

These ice villages are rather unstable. The Arab band that picks up its tents and "silently steals away" cannot migrate with less effort or on shorter notice than a winter fishing village. If trout are scarce and a prospector has better luck a mile away from the village, inside of an hour the whole settlement will have moved, leaving nothing behind to mark the abandoned site but a few holes in the ice.

SEWELL FORD.

A Happy Japanese Town.

Hanke, the yen of Kotshi, in Japan, has received a gift of \$100 from the government on account of the unusually exemplary behavior of the villagers. For over 200 years there have been neither quarrels nor lawsuits in the place, no crimes have occurred, the taxes have always been paid on time, and whenever misfortunes have come the villagers have helped each other without calling on the authorities.



A TYPICAL FISHING SHANTY.

to make a living. But in the winter when the steam trawlers are laid up fish are scarce and bring good prices. Then it is that the ice fisherman comes forward and supplies the market.

His preparations are not elaborate, and his whole equipment does not cost more than \$15 or \$20. In the first place he builds or buys a "shanty." This is commonly a miniature house about 5 feet square and 6 feet in height. It is made of light pine wood and is either lined or covered with tanned paper. It has a "peak" roof, one door and no windows. In the floor is a trapdoor. A low bunk that will serve for a seat or bed is built on one side. In one corner is a small sheet iron stove set in a shallow box of sand.

An ax, a lot of fish lines, a spear or two and a bushel or so of coal complete his outfit. When the fisherman is ready to start, he puts his little house on runners and hauls it out on the ice. If the wind is against him this is a hard job, but if it is with him his house slides along easily.

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AN ICE FISHING VILLAGE.

attached to some device which warns him when he has a bite. There is not much sport in this kind of fishing, but it is profitable and rather comfortable.

It gives the novice something of an uncanny feeling to sit in one of these darkened little shanties and look down into the still depths. Up through the hole in the ice comes a weird, ghostly sort of light, and you can easily imagine yourself in a cavern at the bottom of the ocean.

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The annual stockholders' meeting of the Middletown Gas & Electric Light Co. will be held at the office of the company, in this city, at 8 p.m., Jan. 15th, 1896, for the election of trustees for the coming year. The stock books will be closed Jan. 14th to 16th, both inclusive.

G. T. TOWNSEND, Secretary.

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TUESDAY, JAN. 7, 1896.

## WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 7.—Forecasting weather to-night, rain or snow Wednesday, decidedly warmer, cuttely windy.

## THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Front's drug store, today:

7 a.m., 20°; 12 m., 7°; 3 p.m., 9°.

## AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.

Jan. 6-11—Kennedy's Players, at Casino. Feb. 3-8—Garrison, J. Jones' wonder worker, for the Y. M. C. A.

March 2-10—Carrie Louie Ray, for the Y. M. C. A.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Silver, novelties, cut glass, art pottery, etc. B. R. Gordon's.

Notes to builders and contractors—new school building.

"Herrin Co." Bed Crafted Furniture Co.—Ady.

Great sale of underware at Geo. Young's.

Dry varnishes at J. G. Hardings.

Election of Miss H. T. of T.

Dancing in Assembly Rooms, to night.

Universalist services Sunday.

Tools for sale.

Hotel for sale or exchange.

Special meeting of Monhagen Hose Co.

## LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

The Kennedy Players.

Special meeting of Monhagen Hose Co., to-night.

About sixty of the Orange County Telephone Co.'s instruments have been put in houses and business places.

O. W. employees who were in New York yesterday morning, faced a temperature of 35° below zero.

The Sheriff's sale of the stock of Combs & Cabil will be held January 15 at 10 a.m.

The managers of Tarall Hospital acknowledge the receipt of a quantity of choice canned goods from market man James M. Phillips.

Regular communication of Hoffmann Lodge, this evening.

Regular drill of the 24th Separate Company, this evening.

The boxing team of the 24th Separate Company will bowl against the Goshen Athletic Club at the latter's alleys in Goshen, to-morrow evening.

A cake sale will be held at the residence of Mrs. Smiley, No. 10 Oberndorf street, on Friday, Jan. 10th, from 3 to 5 p.m., by the ladies of Grace Church.

Wawayards Council, National Union, meets at 7:30, to night.

The monthly meeting of the Missionary Union will be held to-morrow, at 2:30 p.m., in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church.

## PERSONAL.

James J. Tracy died at his home in Port Jervis, yesterday, of heart failure, aged nineteen years.

Cruddy Clerk George O. Fritzer, of Sullivan county, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. Bessie Rogers and her friend, Miss Falconer, returned this morning, to Fort Edward Institute.

Messrs. Will Barnes and Will Dunford returned to Baltimore, to-day, to resume their studies in the Dental College.

Messrs. R. B. Beattie and Paul Carlfield have returned to their studies at Union College.

Motorman Dunlevy left town this morning, for a visit to his relatives in Boston.

## ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

Annual Meeting of the Middletown Fair and Driving Park Association.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Middletown Fair and Driving Park Association was held at the office of the Middletown Wagon Co., at 10 o'clock this morning.

After the reading of the Treasurer's annual report, the following directors were elected: H. S. Pound, G. M. McMonagle, I. O. Jordan, Hollis D. Campbell, C. E. Crawford, Geo. N. Clemson, F. M. Barnes, E. E. Wood, W. F. Royce, W. D. Stratton, E. A. Brown, D. Flan, Chas. H. Hanford.

A meeting of the directors to elect officers will be held at the Russell House, Saturday night, at 8 o'clock.

## The Kennedy Players. To night.

The great big show, Kennedy Players, including the greatest living fun maker, Mr. John J. Kennedy; the powerful romantic actor, Geo. W. Barber; the beautiful, artistic and dancing sunbeam, Miss Emma de Castro, in the most expensive and elaborate production ever attempted by a traveling organization, "The Plunger," Mr. Oliver Doud Byron's great play in five acts produced by special permission this season only.

Synopsis—Act 1, Plunging for Forgiveness; act 2, Plunging for Money; act 3, Plunging for Love; act 4, Plunging for Freedom; act 5, Plunging for Robbers. Scale of price—Admission 10 cents; lower floor 20 cents; all reserved seats, only 30 cents. Positively no higher, no lower. Don't forget the grand Saturday matinee at 2:15 o'clock.

Mr. Nearing testified that the defense was that the sale was made through another agent, C. E. Gardner, who had received his commission \$100, on the sale. Mr. Smiley and Mr. Gardner testified to this effect.

Mr. Nearing testified that Mr. Smiley first spoke to him about the property. On cross-examination he said he had several talks about it with Mr. Boak, and had been influenced somewhat by what Mr. Boak said.

The case occupied the entire forenoon, and was not summed up until 11:30.

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## BENCH, BAR AND JURY.

Proceedings of the trial term of the Supreme Court—Judgments on Two Mortgages—An Attorney Who Thought Court Was Held in Newburgh—A Tuxedo Park Case—Mr. Boak's suit for Real Estate Commission.

At the afternoon session of court, Monday, an inquest was taken in the case of Christian W. Dubois vs. The Walden National Bank, et al., impleaded with Wm. T. Wallace, Wm. K. Royce, et al., et al.

This was an action to recover \$1,500, amount of a mortgage, with interest. After hearing the testimony of Mr. Dubois, examined by J. C. Taylor, Esq., the court ordered judgment for the claim, amounting to \$1,673.56. The court added 2% per cent.

In the case of James P. Florence, of Middletown, against James Van Stuyver, of Crawford, to recover a mortgage, an inquest was taken and judgment ordered for \$2,776, with an allowance of 2½ per cent. J. C. R. Taylor was the attorney in both cases.

An inquest was taken in the case of Mrs. Hannah B. Levy vs. The Empire Stock and Accident Company, an action brought by the widow of H. B. Levy, formerly of Goshen, who died in a New York Hospital in May last, after injuries received in January preceding. Mrs. Levy took the stand and testifid that her husband was injured by a fall, which incapacitated him from work, and the amount asked for was for benefits from the time of injury to death. Judgment was entered for \$3,827.00.

After the judgment had been entered in the above case, a telegram was received from the attorney representing the insurance company, saying he had gone to Newburgh by mistake, and could not reach Goshen until Tuesday. The order was allowed to stand until his arrival. Henry Bacon is the attorney for Mrs. Levy.

## FIRST JURY CASE.

A jury was taken in the case of George W. Brooks vs. Richard Mortimer, and the case occupied the balance of the afternoon.

Brooks is truck gardener and dealer in fruits, poultry and eggs, residing near Monroe. The defendant is a resident of Tuxedo Park, and the suit is brought to recover for vegetables, fruits, turkeys, eggs, etc., furnished for his table, to the amount of \$570.

The defense admitted owing \$93, but the amount over and above that, it was claimed, was ordered by Mr. Mortimer's French chef, who was responsible for the payment of it, as he was paid \$175 a week to furnish the table for Mortimer's household.

Mr. Brooks and his assistant, J. A. Hayes, were sworn for the plaintiff.

For the defense the witnesses were: George E. Perkins, Henry G. Chapman, William M. Sanford, Mortimer E. Bush, James Cronan, Carl D. Shaffer and Henry Matthew, the French chef. The deposition of Mr. Mortimer, made before sailing for a tour of Europe, last June, was read. Charles S. Davison, for the defense, began summing up at 5 o'clock. Henry Bacon was associated with Mr. Davison. M. N. Kane appeared for the plaintiff.

The jury gave a verdict for \$200.

## A REAL ESTATE COMMISSION CASE.

GO-HEN, Jan. 7—Court Crier Landy announced the opening of court promptly at 8 o'clock.

A jury was taken in the case of Abram V. Boak vs. Charles E. Smiley. This is an action to recover a commission on the sale of Mr. Smiley's residence on West Main street, Middletown, in January, 1893. The property was sold to P. D. Nearing for \$14,000.

W. F. O'Neill opened the case for the plaintiff.

Abram V. Boak was the first witness. He testified that Mr. Smiley placed the property in his hands in 1892 to sell. He wanted to get \$17,000 or \$18,000 for the property. Mr. Boak thought that was too high and told Mr. Smiley he did not think he could find a buyer at that price. Mr. Boak had talked with Mr. L. Stern and Mr. Nearing about buying the property; also with New York parties. Mr. Stern had offered \$13,000. Mr. Smiley said that Mr. Nearing would give more than that. He offered \$11,000, provided Mr. Smiley would accept in part payment some mortgages on property out of town. Later Mr. Stern offered \$13,500 and he told Mr. Nearing that another purchaser was after the property, which he did. Mr. Boak then sent his bill for commission to Mr. Smiley, but never heard anything from it.

Mr. Stern testified to his negotiations with Mr. Boak for the property, and that he first offered \$13,000, and later \$13,500.

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## Funeral of Ira L. Stoddard.

The funeral of Ira L. Stoddard was held at the residence of his son in law, John E. Conan, on Highland avenue, at 7:30 o'clock, last evening, and was attended by a very large number of friends. Rev. Dr. Wilson, pastor of St. Paul's Church, preached the funeral sermon and the choir of that church rendered the music.

The burial took place at 10 o'clock, this morning, in the family plot in Hillside. The bearers were his son, Emmett Stoddard, son-in-law, J. F. Iseman, and grandsons, Geo. H. and Chas. A. Iseman.

## Special Meetings in the First Baptist Church.

Special meetings at the First Baptist Church, are being held each evening, in the auditorium at 7:30 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these services. Singing led by organ and organ.

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## THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Union Services at St. Paul's Church—Large Attendance and Interesting Services.

The first of the union meetings of the Week of Prayer was held at St. Paul's M. E. Church, yesterday afternoon. The attendance was large in spite of the intense cold. The congregation as usual was made up primarily of ladies.

R. V. Dr. Wilson, pastor of St. Paul's, presided. There were present on the platform, the pastors of other churches—Drs. Gordon, Robinson, Beattie and Revs. Heath and Morris.

The services were opened with song, followed by prayer by R. V. Dr. Beattie.

Dr. Wilson announced the subject of the day, chosen by the Evangelical Alliance,—"Confession and Humiliation." He read portions of the 51st and 116th Psalm and the first epistle of John, as especially applicable to the subject, and then offered a prayer. He spoke briefly, expressing a desire that all should feel a sense of freedom to speak at any of the meetings during the week.

Remarks were made by Rev. Dr. Gordon, Rev. Dr. Robinson, Mr. Allen Ridgeway, Rev. John Hadden, Mr. Clarence Seward and Rev. Dr. Beattie in the order named.

Meetings were held in the Presbyterian, Congregational and Baptist Churches, last evening. There was no service at St. Paul's, on account of the funeral of Mr. Ira L. Stoddard.

The following is the programme for the remainder of the week:

Tuesday, Jan. 7.—The Church Universal.

Wednesday, Jan. 8.—Nations and their rulers.

Thursday, Jan. 9.—Foreign Missions.

Friday, Jan. 10.—Home Missions.

Saturday, Jan. 11.—Families and Schools.

Sunday, Jan. 12.—Sermons.

## THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL.

### Board of Education Advertises for Bids.

Building contractors will be interested in the advertisement published elsewhere by the Board of Education asking for bids for the construction of the proposed new high school building on the site of Walkill Academy. It will be observed that separate bids are asked for the construction of the building proper and the heating, ventilating and plumbing.

The bids are required to be in the hands of the President of the Board by 8 p.m., on Jan. 27th.

## PORT JERVIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

### Telephone Franchise Granted, Railroad Franchise Deferred.

Port Jervis' Board of Trustees, last night, granted a franchise to the Delaware River Telephone Company, but deferred action on the franchise asked for by President Haleas and his associates in the Monticello Rail road, with a view to making the street railway company give a bond in the amount of \$2,000 to build the road if a franchise is granted.

## Fell Dead at Washington Headquarters.

Stephen Greatsinger, aged 81 years, while passing through the grounds of Washington's headquarters, to church, in Newburgh, Sunday afternoon, fell dead from heart disease. He was for many years a resident of the town of Crawford, and the body will be interred beside that of his wife at Bullville.

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## cake sale by Ladies of Grace Church.

Do not fail to attend the cake sale of the ladies of Grace Church at Dr. Smiley's, No. 10 O'Farrell street, Jan. 10th, from 3 to 5 p.m. A fine assortment of homemade cakes will be offered for sale at reasonable prices.

Tues. Wed. Thurs.

## Campbell Hall Depot on Fire.

The at Campbell Hall depot took fire from a defective fuse yesterday afternoon. There were enough railroad men near by to extinguish the flames before they had gained much headway. The damage is estimated at about \$50.

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